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WENT BACK TO SEE GIRL

Hungarians Jail Lovesick U.S. Citizen as Spy

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Love apparently lured Andras Csala back to his native Hungary and into a Communist prison, U.S. officials said today.

The 36-year-old naturalized American was convicted in a Budapest court yesterday of espionage and sentenced to six years. The trial was held behind closed doors. The specific charges against Mr. Csala are shrouded in mystery.

Whether he was a spy during the 1956 Hungarian uprising may never be known. But if Mr. Csala feared arrest in Hungary, his fear was overcome by his desire to court once again pretty Helen Janitsky, the girl he left behind when he came to the U.S. in 1953.

Andras and Helen were schoolmates and their romance quickly ripened into love. But postwar Communist Hungary was a difficult place. Andras and his father Steve Csala went to Cleveland, O. In 1963 they sent for Andras' mother and the next year Andras became a U.S. citizen.

The family never talked about Andras' arrest back in 1948 by Hungarian Security Police and the 10 days he spent in jail.

The handsome, bushy-haired Andras, trained as an electrical engineer and gifted in 19 languages, found a job with Cleveland's Language Service Bureau. It was run by a former secretary of the Communist Party of Ohio, and when Andras learned this, he quit, his family said. He joined IBM and moved to Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

But he never forgot Helen, and in 1964, he returned to Hungary, stayed with an aunt and enjoyed a visit of several weeks. Helen was the same sweet girl he's known before. By last fall, Andras was ready to go to Budapest again.

He arrived Oct. 12, settled in

with his aunt again, and began dating Helen. Things went smoothly — until Nov. 27. That day he was arrested.

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Hungarian authorities didn't bother to notify the Embassy. But some one did. The Embassy received an anonymous telephone call on Nov. 29. A voice said: "An American citizen named Andras Csala has been arrested."

But it was seven weeks before U.S. officials were permitted to

see him. They visited him three times before his trial began last Friday. He refused to discuss the charges against him except to say he had confessed to espionage.

Despite many U.S. protests to Hungary both there and here, the charges never have been explained. The U.S. will make further protests, officials said, but will wait until they have a full report on the trial. No American was allowed to attend the trial.